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From: Wertz, James
Sent: Mon 4/4/2016 5:12:09 PM
Subject: Re: Anti-farmer billboards violate agency rules

Nick: I can help too. If Bill agrees, let's make proactive calls and share the facts. J

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 4, 2016, at 11:10 AM, Peak, Nicholas <Peak.Nicholas@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Lisa! I'd just like to get back to Wyatt with a phone call or even sit down with him face to face. I typically don't respond via email because I feel like the interactions are more positive when I talk directly to Wyatt (and Bob). Also, if I'm not the appropriate person to talk with Wyatt, I can point him to the correct person regarding his concerns.

Thanks,

-Nick

Nick Peak

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From: Chang, Lisa
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 11:07 AM
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Subject: RE: Anti-farmer billboards violate agency rules

Nick,

(cc-ing Peter Murchie, Dan Opalski, Bill Dunbar, and Cindy Schuster on this as well. I am the PO for the award to Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission under which the subaward to Swinomish was made; Peter is my manager on the Puget Sound team)

We have been hearing from Congressionals as well as the press about this issue. We are currently responding to inquiries from Congresswoman McMorris-Rodgers on this.

I can develop factual bullets that are responsive to Wyatt's e-mail and the information in the article and try to circulate them around this morning. Please let me know if we need to take a different course of action.

Lisa

From: Peak, Nicholas
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Subject: FW: Anti-farmer billboards violate agency rules

Jim and Lucy (cc'd to Ag Advisor Folks),

I've been working on developing better working relationships with the cattlemen and

dairymen here in the state. Below is an email that was sent to me by Wyatt Prescott who is the Executive Director of the Idaho Cattlemen's Association and he's cc'd the Executive Director of the Idaho Dairymen's Association as well. Take a look at his email and the attached article and I'd like to give Wyatt a call to chat and respond to him about this.

Steven alerted me to this issue a couple of weeks ago, but I'd like to be proactive in responding to Wyatt. Feel free to forward onto others (i.e. Dunbar is quoted).

Thanks,

-Nick

Nick Peak

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From: Wyatt Prescott [<mailto:wyatt@idahocattle.org>]

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Subject: Anti-farmer billboards violate agency rules

Nick,

This is just another example of how antagonistic EPA can be towards agriculture. I understand that it is the tribe which has waged the smear campaign, but through an EPA grant? It is irrelevant whether or not they listed EPA paying for it on the billboards. No way, no how should EPA be financing the public prosecution of agriculture, it is unconscionable.

I certainly hope that EPA comes down on the recipients of the grant forcefully to illustrate that it was not their intention to lead a crusade against farmers, just as they do to anyone who violates EPA regulations.

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EPA: Anti-farmer billboards violate agency rules

Billboards that accuse Washington farmers of polluting water should have noted that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency paid for them, according to the EPA.

Don Jenkins

Capital Press

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